



**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

<p style="text-align: center;">30TH DECEMBER 2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE HOLY FAMILY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Proper of Seasons</i> Sunday Missal page 143; Readings 148; Preface 36</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more “dramatic” events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today’s Gospel reminds us, there were also the so-called “hidden years” - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. Our celebration of this feast announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">6TH JANUARY 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Wk. 2 + Proper of Seasons</i> Sunday Missal page 165; Readings 167; Preface 37</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the “Time of Manifestation”, or Showing. Today is the ‘Feast of the Manifestation’, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men that travelled from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: “All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.” The same is true of the key word in the second reading: “Revelation”. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God’s plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour’s birth revealed at last to us.</p> </div> </div>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>Because of the permanence of the Sacrament of Marriage, we have the best setting for bringing children into the world. The marriage vows are lived out each day that the Lord sends to us. We pray for the people who are to be married in our parish this year. May the Holy Family bless all the families in our parish with a love for God, for his Church and for the sacred priesthood.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>The magi were guided by a star to be shown the Prince of Peace in Bethlehem. As Christians, we have a responsibility to make Christ known to all those whom we encounter. We do this by living lives that show that Christ is alive within us. May our love for the Lord grow in this Year of Faith and lead others closer to Christ.</p>
<p>Collections, Donations, Gift Aid</p> <p><i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate. If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks.</i></p>	
<p>Cycle of Prayer Part 1 (of 6):</p> <p>We pray especially for: openness to the Word of God; migrants and refugees; expectant mothers.</p>	

Thank you for all your cards, presents and good wishes over the Christmas period and thank you to those who prepared our churches for the celebrations.

A Very Happy New Year to You and to your Family and Friends

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Prayers Please

Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Amanda Calcutt, Leila Parker, Emma Jiminez (baby), Bernard Cummings, Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Catherine Cooke, Canon Byrne, Vera Evans, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Denise Carolan and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: Elizabeth Boyle, Joan Stronge, Gerard Dobson, Pat Fanning

Anniversary: Irene & Ben Sanderson, Oswald Kenyon, Mary Dobbins, Michael Clarke, Ellen Murphy, Eileen Croft, Kathleen Taylor

Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, Irene & Ben Sanderson, Catherine Cooke, Oswald Kenyon, Winifred Kenyon, Constance Brogden, Mark & Norah Maher, Marie Brooks, Cath Clitheroe, Mary Dobbins, Michael Clarke, George Wilfred Mortimore, The Murphy family, The Tucker family, Pat Fanning, Deceased members of the Duffy and O'Toole families, Frances, Thomas & Terence Cocker, Ellen Murphy, The Murphy family, Eileen & Jack Wakes, Eileen Croft, Kathleen Taylor, Gerard Dobson, John & Margaret O'Connor, John & Winifride Groank, Joseph Farrell, The Holy Souls

Relics of Don Bosco: As previously notified, there will be a pilgrimage of these relics around the UK during the first two weeks of January. They will be in Liverpool on 6 & 7 January, at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Admission is not restricted, nor by ticket.

Mass will be celebrated at 3pm on Sunday 6 January to mark the beginning of the visit to Liverpool. The Pilgrim Experience (a unique opportunity to encounter the genius of Don Bosco and his sacred relics) will be open from 5pm to 8.30pm on 6 Jan and from 9am to 5pm on 7 Jan. There will be a closing liturgy at 8.30pm on 6 Jan and at the end of the 5.15pm Cathedral Mass on 7 Jan.

Latest updates and general information can be found on www.donboscorelics.co.uk

St Osmund's Parish Hall Events

New Year's Eve Party

31 December 2012

8pm to 1am

Gala buffet, ballroom, disco & line dancing,
with fireworks at Midnight

Adults only & Ticket only

Tickets (£15) from 535407 or 533118

Phoenix Knights of Harmony

Bolton Barber Shop Choir

6 January 2013

3pm to 5pm

£3.50 (including a glass of mulled wine
and a mince pie)

Ticket only admission

Tickets from 533118

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